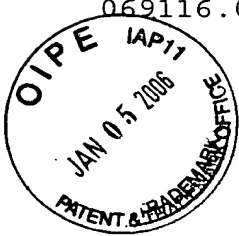


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In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and/or comments as set forth below.

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